



LB 403

Annual Report to the Legislature

January 25, 2011

Reporting Requirement

[Neb. Rev. Stat. § 4-113](#). Each state agency which administers any program of public benefits shall provide an annual report not later than January 31 for the prior year to the Governor and the Clerk of the Legislature with respect to compliance with sections 1 to 6 of this act. The report shall include, but not be limited to, the total number of applicants for benefits and the number of applicants rejected pursuant to such sections.

Nebraska Advantage Programs

The Nebraska Advantage Act, the Nebraska Advantage Rural Development Act, and the Nebraska Advantage Microenterprise Tax Credit Act require a taxpayer to file an application to describe a project and to request participation in the incentive program. The applications and application guides were updated to include the requirement that the work eligibility of all newly-hired employees in Nebraska must be verified. For applications filed on or after October 1, 2009, the taxpayer has been required to provide proof of registration for E-Verify, the federal electronic verification program. In some cases, the application date was delayed until the applicant documented the registration process.

The utilization of the E-Verify program for new employees has not been confirmed. The Department will audit the use of the E-Verify program and the eligibility of the newly-hired Nebraska employees when each project attains the minimum required levels of investment and employment necessary for benefits.

Nebraska Advantage Applications		
Dated January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010		
	2010 Applications	Applications Rejected
Nebraska Advantage Act	57	0
Nebraska Advantage Rural Development Act	11	0
Nebraska Advantage Microenterprise Tax Credit Act	253	1

The Department of Revenue's (Department's) website was updated to notify taxpayers planning to claim the Nebraska Advantage Research and Development Credit for a tax year beginning on or after January 1, 2009, of the requirement to use E-verify to confirm the work eligibility of all newly-hired employees employed in Nebraska.

The Research and Development Credit Worksheet, Form 3800N Worksheet RD, has been updated to include several questions asking claimants to confirm that they are using E-Verify for newly-hired employees. The utilization of the E-Verify program for new employees has not been confirmed. The Department will audit this process on a random basis after returns claiming the credit have been processed.

Nebraska Advantage Returns Processed		
January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010		
	Returns Processed	Applications Rejected
Nebraska Advantage Research & Development Credit Act	52	0

Nebraska Advantage Act Links (relating to requirements in LB 403):

- [Nebraska Advantage Act Application Guide](#)
- [Nebraska Advantage Rural Development Guide Application Guide](#)
- [Nebraska Advantage Microenterprise Tax Credit Act Application Guide](#)
- [Nebraska Advantage Act E-Verify Notice](#)
- [Nebraska Advantage Act Research and Development Credit Worksheet, Form 3800N](#)

Charitable Gaming and Nebraska Lottery

The Charitable Gaming Division requires any new applicants for a county/city lottery worker license, utilization of funds member license, sales agent license, or gaming manager license to include the information required by the United States Citizenship Attestation Form.

The Nebraska Lottery is requiring all applicants for a retailer's contract who are individuals or sole proprietors to complete and submit the United States Citizenship Attestation Form.

Applications			
January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010			
	Applications Received	Applications Requiring A SAVE Search	Applications Rejected
Charitable Gaming	2,236	9	0
Nebraska Lottery	8	1	0

Charitable Gaming and Nebraska Lottery Links (relating to requirements of LB 403):

- [Charitable Gaming Division Homepage](#)
- [Nebraska Lottery Legislative Update on LB 403](#)
- [Nebraska County/City Lottery Worker Application, Schedule III, Form 50G](#)

Property Assessment - Homestead Tax Exemption

The Property Assessment Division is requiring all applicants for the homestead exemption to attest to their United States citizenship or provide their immigration status and alien number. The attestation is included on the Nebraska Homestead Exemption Application, Form 458.

Homestead exemption applications may not be filed until February 2 each year. All alien numbers are verified with United States Citizenship and Immigration Services of the Department of Homeland Security.

Applications			
January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010			
	Applications Received	Applications Rejected on Income	Applications Rejected on Immigration Status
Property Assessment	53,279	3,744	0

Property Assessment Division Link (relating to requirements of LB 403):

- [Nebraska Homestead Exemption Application or Certification of Status](#)